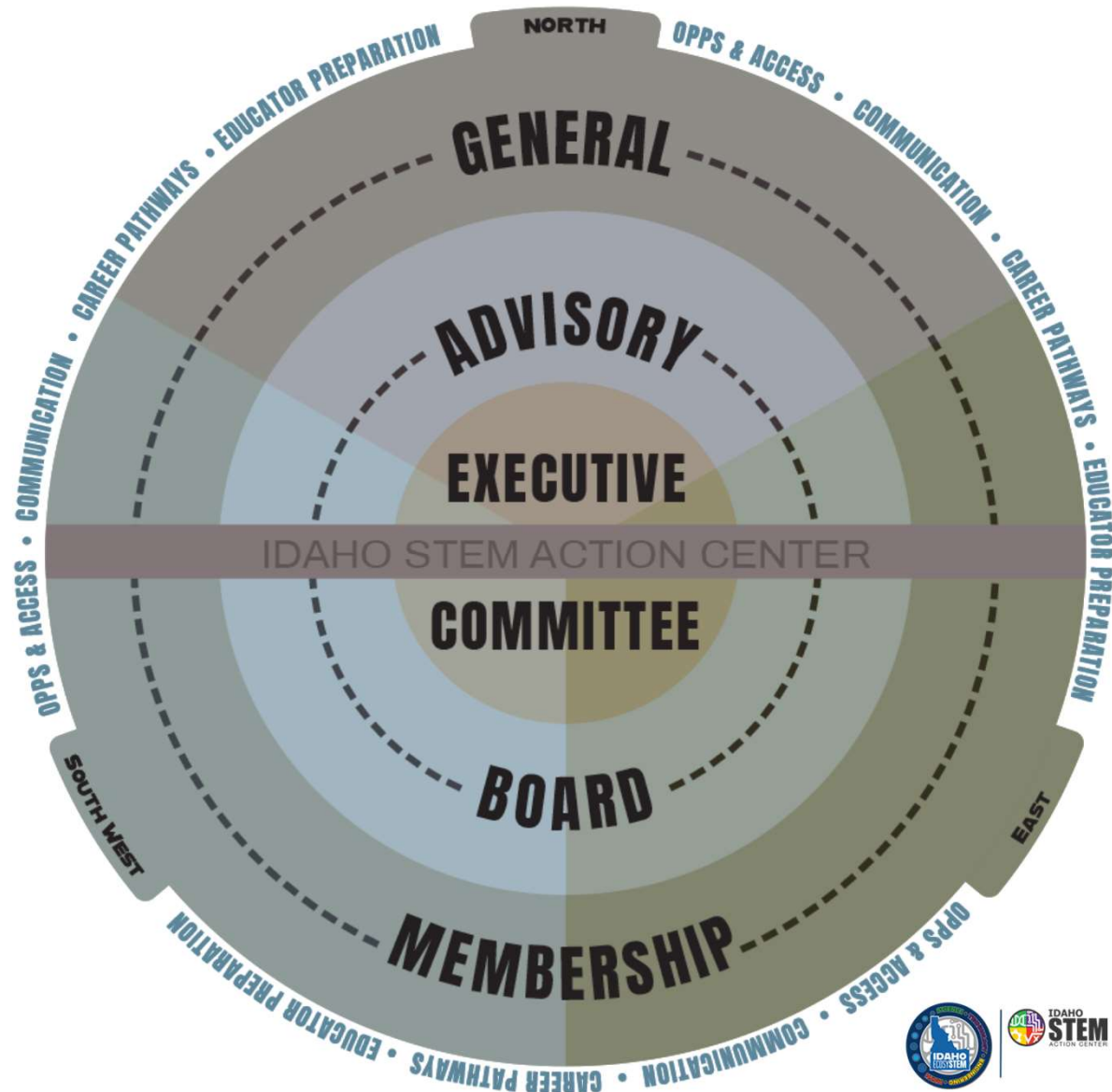


Proposal: Option 1

Primary efforts are focused on developing statewide ecosystem, with STEM AC serving as the backbone organization, included in conversations at every level to ensure effective communication of ideas. Affiliation with the General Membership, Advisory Board, and Executive Committee levels would include representatives from all geographic regions of Idaho. Executive Committee members would be the top decision-makers, including funding decisions, strategic direction, general membership roles and responsibilities, and would approve (with the Advisory Board) other ad hoc committees. Advisory Board members would focus on strategic direction. The Board may direct research and asset identification resources and deliver results and recommendations to the Executive Committee. Efforts may include statewide and regional foci. General Membership would participate in regional and topical discussions and focus on collaborative efforts related to conducting STEM-related work.

Pros: Strong communication between regional and statewide groups, centralized leadership means members know who to contact

Cons: Smaller Executive Committee membership, less immediate regional efforts (but will grow over time)





Proposal: Option 2

Efforts are split between statewide and regional hub ecosystem development. STEM AC, as the backbone organization, facilitates topical groups focused on strategic direction. An Executive Committee, comprised of ecosystem members, leads statewide ecosystem efforts and directs resources based on information from topical and ad hoc committees. The Advisory Board steers statewide strategic direction, and crafts long-term goals for ecosystem work. General Membership participates in regional and local efforts related to STEM work, including topical discussions, collaborative initiatives, and programming.

Pros: General members can focus on their regional and local work, with support from statewide groups,

Cons: Potential disconnect between regional and statewide efforts



Proposal: Option 3

Primary efforts are focused on regional hub development. Ecosystem members engage in regional and local discussions and participate in initiatives related to the specific needs and resources in their region. Strategic Goals Working Groups, comprised of members from all regions, bring perspectives, updates, and other information related to their area of focus to the Steering Committee. Strategic Goals Working Groups may also request resources and assistance from the Steering Committee to conduct their work. The Steering Committee is made up of members from each region and directs resources to regional hubs and working groups. STEM AC, as the backbone organization, supports initiatives related to the ecosystem.



Pros: Strong support for regional efforts

Cons: Less communication between regions, difficulty coordinating statewide initiatives

In Small Groups Discuss each proposed Idaho EcosySTEM Model



Which proposed Ecosystem model might work best for you/your organization?

What are your biggest concerns about the proposed Ecosystem models?

What methods of communication work best for you/your organization? How might these work in the proposed Ecosystem model?

How can each proposed Ecosystem model measure progress or celebrate success?

What do current regional coordinated efforts look like in your region? How can the Idaho STEM Ecosystem models support and build upon this work?